

Agitation by the College Students in Bombay Karnatak area demanding Reduction in Tuition Fees.

***Q.—110. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—**

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been agitation of college students in the Bombay Karnatak area demanding reduction in tuition fees ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that that during the agitation some college students were arrested and some criminal cases have also been launched against them ;

(c) if so, the total number of students that were arrested and the total number of cases launched in each district in the said area ;

(d) whether they propose to withdraw the cases as the agitation has subsided and the students have started attending colleges ;

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c)

*No. of students
arrested*

*No. of cases
launched*

Belgaum District.

32

23

Bijapur District.

117

19

Dharwar District.

39

7

North Kanara District.

17

4

(d) No.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Supplementary to (d) : Has the Cabinet taken a decision ; if so, when ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There is no decision as such because there is no proposal.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—The proposal is there for withdrawal of the cases against the students.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There is no proposal. I have already said it.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether these cases have already been withdrawn at Belgaum ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is not a fact.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know under what section these cases have been launched against these students ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There are so many sections involved in each case and it is very difficult to say them all so far as details are concerned.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know the approximate damage caused to the properties of Government and the public during the agitation ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—In all the four districts, the damage comes to Rs. 91,224.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Is not the Government competent to withdraw cases *suo motu* ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Government is competent but there is no proposal such. It is not advisable to move *suo motto*.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know the damage caused at Belgaum ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is Rs. 4,615.

Sri SIDDIAH KASHIMATH.—In Bijapur district 117 boys were arrested but the number of cases launched is only 19. Why this discrimination ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There is no discrimination. My friend should know the details.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not necessary that in respect of each arrested boy a separate case should be launched. If 5 boys commit the same offence, only one case may be launched.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—The total damage Rs. 91,000 and in Belgaum it is only Rs. 4,000. Taking note of these figures, would it not be advisable to withdraw cases against students of Belgaum.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That is not a sufficient ground.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—What is the damage caused in North Kanara District ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is Rs. 1,115.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—In view of the fact that a large number of arrests and prosecutions are from Bijapur district, will it not affect the election prospects in 1957 of our beloved Education Minister (laughter).

Mr. SPEAKER.—This supplementary does not arise.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—From the number of cases it appears that the Bijapur district is more boisterous. Is it not due to the fact that two Ministers come from that district ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I disallow it.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—The large number supplementaries should indicate to the Government that there is ground for withdrawing cases.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It does not come within section 492 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—Will the Government investigate to find out why students resort to strike frequently ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The hon'ble Member knows the reasons very well.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Supplementaries should relate to matters about which the hon'ble Member does not have any information. He should not ask about things which he is aware of.

Sri T. N. MADE GOWDA.—Who is to propose withdrawal of cases ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Should the Ministers suggest that also.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Why not one of the 3 Ministers from that District, suggest the withdrawal of cases ? Since the agitation was for reduction in fees, there is no criminal intention on the part of the accused. Will it not be therefore advisable, in the interest of the future life of the affected students, to withdraw the cases and not treat them as criminals by getting conviction.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Without criminal intention, the cases cannot be prosecuted.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—Some mischevous forces were behind the students agitation and would not the Government attempt to put down these tendencies ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a suggestion for action.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Have the Government come across cases where the students had antecedents ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There are some such cases.

ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋಪಾಲ ಸಾರ್ನಿ.—ಆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಚಳುವಳಿಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೀತಿಯೇ ಕಾರಣವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಅವರಮೇಲೆ ಹಾಕಿರತಕ್ಕ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is not so.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is the Government aware that some of the Hon'ble Ministers were the instigators of this movement.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I disallow this question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಹಿಂದೆ ಇತರೇ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಚಳುವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಅವರಮೇಲೆ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದನಂತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಆ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಂಥ ಹಲವಾರು ನಿದರ್ಶನಗಳು ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈಗಲೂಕೂಡ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ದೂರದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಮೇಲಿನ ಯೋಗ್ಯದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಆ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಾಪಸ್ಸು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವವಿಚಾರ ಪರಿಗಣನೆಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾದ ಅಂಶವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is a matter for considaration.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Has any action been taken against non-student leaders who participated in the agitation ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There were some non-student leaders also.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಕುಲಿಯವರು ಬಿಜಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೋ ಒಂದು ವಿದ್ಯಾಶಾಲೆಯ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವ ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಹಳೆಯ ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಚಳುವಳಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವಾಯಿತು. ಆರೀತಿ ನೀವು ಕೂಡ ಚಳುವಳಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ನಿಮಗೂ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಗಮನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It has not been brought atleast to my notice.

Rate of Lead Charges paid per unit for each mile on the Ore Carrying Roads.

*Q.—113. **Sri H. R. KESHAHA MURTHY (Gandasi).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the lead charges paid per unit for each mile for collecting jelly (all sizes) and boulders on the Ore Carrying Road between—

(1) 7th mile to 23rd mile of Tiptur-Dudda in Banasandra-Hasan Road and between—

(2) Hassan and Yeslur in Hassan Mangalore Road ;

(b) (1) the lead charges fixed per unit for supplying the above materials in the abovementioned miles by the regular Public works Department ;

(2) the difference per unit of lead charges between the Ore Carrying Road Division and regular Division ;